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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above-identified Application is a continuation of co-pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/140,868 filed August 27, 1998 which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/542,431 filed October 12, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,806,048. Before examination, please amend the instant Application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 5 (of the Substitute Specification), please insert

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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 19-51 and add the following Claims:

- 52. An electronic data processing method for administering a financial product traded as a security comprising:
- a) creating a mutual fund comprising a plurality a selected portfolio of securities;
 - b) receiving information on each of said one or more securities in the selected portfolio in an electronic data format;
 - c) processing said information to determine in real time the price of the financial product on the basis of a user-defined method of weighting the selected portfolio of securities.
- Sub D 53. A method comprising the steps of: